

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 977 - HB 1077**

February 21, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS), to the extent authorized by federal law, to conduct background checks on each applicant of a subrecipient or sponsoring organization, to determine if any applicant has a criminal history in the past eight years, rather than the past seven years, that would make the organization ineligible to participate in a food program administered by the Department.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1207, background checks on each applicant for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and the Summer Food Services Program (SFSP) are currently reviewed for the past seven years.
- Seven years is the period required by the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) federal regulations in 7 C.F.R. 226.6(b)(1)(xiv).
- There is no federal criminal history background check requirement related to the Summer Food Services Program (SFSP) applicants.
- The eight year period provided in the proposed legislation would be considered an additional state agency requirement that would involve receiving the United States Department of Agriculture's approval prior to implementation for both the CACFP and the SFSP programs.
- The proposed legislation will not significantly affect the Department's current operations, practices, or any benefits provided; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- Expanding the number of years the criminal background check covers will not result in any additional background checks; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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